

# THE SHIELD

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

*By Ron Thompson*

Brothers,

As we continue to struggle through Covid-19, I want you to know you are not alone in this. As your Grand Knight, I have and will continue to keep in touch via phone calls and the internet with zoom meetings. So far, I did have our planning meeting and our last business meeting online. We will be needing to keep our officers currently in position to stay where they are until we vote on new officers, which will hopefully be at our July business meeting. On Saturday, May 23, I will be your 1<sup>st</sup> delegate at the State convention. This year it is being held virtually. The money given for the delegates to attend the convention has been returned. Our next planning meeting will be online as well as our June business meeting. As a member of the Knights of Columbus, please continue to pray, check in by telephone with the elderly in our council and our parish and continue to practice faith, hope, and charity.

## PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORT

*By Ken Podgorski, PGK, DGK*

Due to the Coronavirus, any upcoming events scheduled will be cancelled. Stay tuned with the Shield for information.

Bless those who risk their lives to help their community. Police, fire, doctors, nurses, EMTs, store associates, Amazon workers, and anyone else still working to make our daily lives better during this worldwide crisis.

Let us pray for those stricken with the virus and for the ones who have lost their battle with it, and their families. Together, we will get through this.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, June 1, 2020  
Building Corporation Meeting - 7:00 p.m.  
Membership Meeting - 8:00 p.m.  
**\*\* Meeting Online \*\***

Thursday, June 11, 2020  
Ladies Auxiliary Meeting -- 7:00 p.m.  
**\*\* Meeting Cancelled \*\***

Sunday, June 21, 2020  
FATHER'S DAY

**Shield Deadline:**  
**Sunday, June 17, 2020**  
**[editor@kofc7239.org](mailto:editor@kofc7239.org)**  
**(Always 3rd Sunday of Month)**

**\*\* Planning Meeting \*\***  
**(All are welcome)**  
Monday, June 25, 2020 - 7:30 p.m.  
**\*\* Meeting Online \*\***

**\*\* Find us on Facebook \*\***

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**LADIES AUXILIARY**

Hi Ladies,

The Coronavirus makes it hard to plan events for the Ladies and Knights. Ladies and Knights meetings are cancelled until further notice. Not sure about Knights Happenings this summer.

Yvette will be calling the Ladies about running for office. We can vote on this in September.

We need to pray for our prayer list. We need to ask God to help us through this plague.

Happy August Birthday! Lisa Gray (12).

We will not resume meetings until September.

Hope you all had a nice Mother's Day! Happy Father's Day!

Cindy Podgorski  
President

**CHAIRMAN NEWS**

I don't have any activities planned for this month. However I do want to wish everyone and their families will remain safe from the virus.

Sincerely,  
Jim Morrison



## FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

*By Darren Gray, FS*

None this month..

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## NEWSLETTER & WEBSITE UPDATES

*By Marianne Podgorski, Editor*

Just a reminder that any articles are due by the third Sunday of each month. I have an autoresponder set up to notify people via email when the Shield deadline is coming up. If you would like to be added to this notification, please drop me a line. Despite my best intentions, articles continue to be arriving in my inbox later than the deadline. Due to my increased hours working for Amazon, I have limited availability to work on the newsletter so I would appreciate everyone adhering to the deadline. Thanks to those that already do. If in doubt, send your article in early. It helps a great deal.

If you have been to the website lately, you will notice we are using the Knights of Columbus template. I would like to update the officer's page. Everyone listed there should have a head shot photo as well as a brief bio, which may include how long you have been a knight or why you joined the knights or any other information you would like visitors to know about you. Please send your pictures and bio's directly to me and I will update the page. In its current state, the council site looks unfinished.

Thank you.

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## PRAYER LIST

Clarence Bessler, Paula Bliss, Shirley Bliss, Callista Boleski, John Brehmer, Mary Brehmer, Holly Bush, Bob Carlisle, Paige Chamberlain, Dee Figg, Madeline Ford, Wallis Flynn, Jessie Giszczak, Paul Gray, Charlie Hamilton, Joanne Hamilton, Drew James, Mike Kapolka, Russel Kreinbring, Lori Leeman, Sharon McCoy, Maggie Meister, Dennis Menard, Rick Miller, Ed Novak, Yvette Ploskonka Ed Poplawski, Norman Podgorski, Patricia Podgorski, Callista Polasek (Meister granddaughter), Chris Peterson, Richard Salvatore, Patricia M. Scheid (Ernie's daughter-in-law), Dennis Szlag, Mel Szlag, Christine Tallman, Brenda Thomas, Donovan S. Turchin, John Turchin, Debbie Vaughn, Matt Ventimiglia, Greg Vetten, Regis Welsh, Jean Witkowski, Richard Witkowski.

**And please pray for all of the men and women of our Armed Services. Also please pray for the recently deceased, Don Bessler, Cindy Bertolini, and Terese Lamerato.**

**NOTE: Just a reminder. Please make sure to write names clearly so that I can add them correctly to the sick and deceased list.**

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## Knights of Columbus “BENEFITS NEWS”

### [May is Disability Insurance Awareness Month.](#)

A Founding Notion: Protecting the Breadwinner’s Income

While jobs may be safer in 2020, accidents, injuries, and illnesses that can impact your ability to work still happen. Most, in fact, do not happen on the jobsite or place of employment. Did you know that a 2011 study revealed that more than 95 percent of the long-term disability claims on file were not work related?

The Knights have always sought to protect members’ families from the “loss” of a breadwinner. I’m sure you know all about Father McGivney’s vision for our first, insurance program. But you may not know that Father McGivney also wanted to find a way to help members who couldn’t work because of an illness. After all, the “loss” of the breadwinner does not have to mean that person’s death; it can also mean the loss of the breadwinner’s income.

Consider that loss for a moment. How would your family fare if a source of income suddenly stopped? Could a dual-income family manage on one income stream? What about young families with a working father and a mother who cares for the children? What if his income halted due to an accident or illness?

I’ve heard some people say they have coverage at work, but too many aren’t sure what this coverage entails, how much income it would provide or for how long. Having this protection counts for something, certainly, but it isn’t “yours”; it’s provided by the company for which you work at their discretion. It could be eliminated tomorrow.

That’s where a personally-owned disability income insurance product, like Income Armor, comes into play. It can offer valuable income replacement in the event of an injury or illness.. If you have a job, you must know about this coverage.

I’d like to meet with you in your home, at your convenience. I’ll work with you to make sure your family is protected. As a brother Knight you can trust, I’ll take the stress and worry out of the buying decision.

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### THE MUSE

*An Editor’s Exposé*

I want to take this time to personally thank the Knights of Columbus, Father Heary Council, for allowing me to put together this monthly newsletter. Who am I? Well, let me tell you a most wonderful story, friends.

I just recently turned the big Five-O. For the past thirty years, I have crafted well-written stories and published over a handful of books. One non-fiction under my own name, one fantasy novel (M.A. Donovan), two non-fiction and five fiction books (Shelby Patrick). Living the dream here.

When I’m not working my day job at Amazon, you can also find me with a camera around my neck doing photo shoots (events, portraits, pets, special occasions, products, you name it). And now I’m delving into the world of film. It’s a whole new ballpark now. You need photos or videos? Let’s talk.

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### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

06/03 Paul Reynolds  
06/03 Gary Meerschaert  
06/10 Darren Gray  
06/10 Michael Bernardo  
06/11 Christopher Bliss  
06/14 Ronnie Thompson  
06/16 Rev. Robert Shafer  
06/19 Gary Puchalski  
06/20 James Wojciechowski  
06/20 John McNulty  
06/21 Mark Smith  
06/23 Thai Hung Nguyen  
06/24 Michael Mandarino  
06/26 Paul Halkey

**If we missed your birthday  
or the date is wrong, please email  
me at editor@kofc7239.org .  
Thanks.**



# JUNE 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7pm Bld. Corp. Mtg 8pm Member Mtg	2	3 Happy Birthday Paul Reynolds Gary Meerschaert	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Happy Birthday Darren Gray Michael Bernardo	11 Happy Birthday Christopher Bliss	12	13
14 Happy Birthday Ronnie Thompson	15	16 Happy Birthday Rev. Robert Shafer	17	18	19 Happy Birthday Gary Puchalski	20 Happy Birthday James Wojciechowski John McNulty
21 SHIELD DEADLINE Happy Birthday Mark Smith	22	23 Happy Birthday Thai Hung Nguyen	24 Happy Birthday Michael Mandarino	25	26 Happy Birthday Paul Halkey	27
28	29 7:30pm Planning Mtg	30				

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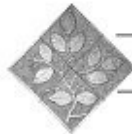
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